

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving input at a television recipient device corresponding to providing a plurality first set of user-preferred television channels;
storing said plurality of user-preferred television channels in a favorite channels channel list at the television recipient device; , the first set of channels in the channel list selected based on a predetermined criteria related to a viewing preference of a viewer; and
receiving, via a television programming provider, data corresponding to an additional television channel not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels; and
inserting into the additional television channel into the favorite channels first set of channels in the channel list stored at the television recipient device, such that the additional television channel will be available to users of the television recipient device by accessing the favorite channels list. a first channel not selected based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewing preference of the viewer.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the additional television channel is selected by inserting into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel includes a system operator selecting the first channel.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the inserting~~ the additional television channel into the favorite channels list comprises verifying that a number of television channels in the favorite channels list that are not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels is less into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel includes disallowing the inserting into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel upon determining that a number of channels not selected based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewing preference of the viewer that have been inserted into the first set of channels in the channel list is greater than a predetermined number.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein the inserting into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel includes~~ setting an expiration time for the additional television channel in the favorite channels list, such that the additional television channel will be removed from the favorite channels list the first channel to expire once the expiration a time limit has been reached.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~inserting additional television channel inserted into the favorite channels list comprises a television channel selected into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel includes~~ selecting the first channel from a set of television channels in the channel list that includes channels having at least a predetermined frequency in channels lists of other television recipient devices viewers in the same viewer's geographic location region as the television recipient device.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~inserting additional television channel inserted into the favorite channels list comprises a television channel selected into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel includes~~ selecting the first channel from a set of channels that includes channels based on a predetermined subject matter.

7. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform a method operations comprising:

receiving input at a television recipient device corresponding to providing a plurality first set of user-preferred television channels;

storing said plurality of user-preferred television channels in a favorite channels channel list at the television recipient device; , the first set of channels in the channel list selected based on a predetermined criteria related to a viewing preference of a viewer; and

receiving, via a television programming provider, data corresponding to an additional television channel not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels; and

inserting into the additional television channel into the favorite channels first set of channels in the channel list stored at the television recipient device, such that the additional television channel will be available to users of the television recipient device by accessing the

favorite channels list. ~~a first channel not selected based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewing preference of the viewer.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the additional television channel is selected by ~~inserting into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel~~ includes a system operator selecting the first channel.

9. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein ~~the inserting the additional television channel into the favorite channels list~~ comprises verifying that a number of television channels in the favorite channels list that are not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels is less ~~into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel~~ includes disallowing the ~~inserting into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel~~ upon determining that a number of channels not selected based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewing preference of the viewer that have been inserted into the first set of channels in the channel list is greater than a predetermined number.

10. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, the method further comprising wherein ~~the inserting into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel~~ includes setting an expiration time for the additional television channel in the favorite channels list, such that the additional television channel will be removed from the favorite channels list ~~the first channel to expire once the expiration a time limit has been reached.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the ~~inserting additional television channel~~ inserted into the favorite channels list comprises a television channel selected ~~into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel~~ includes selecting the first channel from a set of television channels in the channel list that includes channels having at least a predetermined frequency in channels lists of other television recipient devices ~~viewers in the same viewer's geographic location region as the television recipient device.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the ~~inserting~~ additional television channel inserted into the favorite channels list comprises a television channel selected ~~into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel includes selecting the first channel from a set of channels that includes channels-based on a predetermined subject matter.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a television recipient device configured ~~first unit to:~~

receive input corresponding to ~~providing a plurality first set of user-preferred television channels;~~

store said plurality of user-preferred television channels in a favorite channels channel list; ~~the first set of channels in the channel list selected based on a predetermined criteria related to a viewing preference of a viewer; and~~

receive, via a television programming provider, data corresponding to an additional television channel not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels; ~~and~~

a second unit coupled with the first unit to insert into the additional television channel into the favorite channels first set of channels in the channel list, such that the additional television channel will be available to users of the television recipient device by accessing the favorite channels list. a first channel not selected based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewing preference of the viewer.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the additional television ~~first~~ channel is selected by a system operator.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the television recipient device ~~second unit~~ is further configured to verify that a number of television channels in the favorite channels list that are not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels is less ~~disallow inserting into the first set of channels in the channel list the first channel upon determining that a number of channels not selected based on the predetermined criteria related to the viewing~~

~~preference of the viewer that have been inserted into the first set of channels in the channel list is greater than a predetermined number.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the television recipient device is further configured to first channel is set an expiration time for the additional television channel in the favorite channels list, such that the additional television channel will be removed from the favorite channels list to expire once the expiration a time limit has been reached.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the additional television first channel is selected from a set of television channels that includes channels having at least a predetermined frequency in channels lists of other television recipient devices viewers in the same viewer's geographic location region as the television recipient device.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the additional television first channel is selected from a set of channels that includes channels based on a predetermined subject matter.

19. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the verifying comprises verifying that the percentage of television channels in the favorite channels list that are not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels does not exceed a predetermined percentage.

20. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the television recipient device is further configured to verify that the percentage of television channels in the favorite channels list that are not in the plurality of user-preferred television channels does not exceed a predetermined percentage.